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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 is a document that may be considered material to the examination of this application and is submitted in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98. Copies of any foreign art and/or articles are attached. A check for the Official Fee of \$180 is attached.

The enclosed document, RU 2 146 215, was cited in a corresponding Russian application. This document is not believed to be particularly relevant since it relates to a package such as a "tetrapack" comprising a discharging portion having a neck.

The package according to RU 2 146 215 does not appear to be a bag comprising two panels having adjacently positioned edges forming at least one seam. As a consequence there is no joined seam portion or any open seam portion in the seam.

The neck according to RU 2 146 215 is inserted into a hole made in the "carton" board of the package (i.e., throughout the package wall, and the neck is surrounded by the thickness of the package wall).

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RU 2 146 215 does not disclose that the circumference of the neck molding is greater in length than the adjacently positioned edges (30, 32-2 edges) of the panels extending along the open seam.


The Applicants reserve the right to establish patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided by this statement and to prove that the enclosed information is not prior art and/or that this information is not enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that an exhaustive search has been made or that there does not exist information more material to the examination of the present patent application. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted with this statement.

The Applicants request that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and indicate in the official file history of this patent application that the document has been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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